

AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS:

The attached replacement drawing sheets should be entered to replace the previous replacement drawings sheets filed on April 29, 2004. The attached replacement drawings sheets are provided in response to the Examiner's comments on the drawings from pages 3 and 4 of the Election Requirement. The attached replacement drawings sheets include minor changes to clarify the figures contained therein and to remove stray marks. Further to the Examiner's comments on page 4 of the Election Requirement, if for any reason the Examiner does not accept the changes, Applicant requests that the Examiner notify and inform Applicant of any required corrective action in the next Office Action.

Attachments: Replacement Drawing Sheets (sheets 1-68 including FIGS. 1-76).

REMARKS

By this Amendment Applicant amends claims 1, 2, 9-12, 18, 19, 21, 22, 34, and 35 to fix minor typographical errors and to provide antecedent basis for each of the claim limitations. No new matter has been added by this Amendment. Applicant respectfully requests consideration of this Second Supplemental Preliminary Amendment and Response to Election Requirement prior to examination of the application.

In the Election Requirement mailed March 27, 2007, the Examiner required election under 35 U.S.C. § 121 between various alleged patentably distinct species of the invention. These species include:

Species 1: FIGS. 1-10

Species 2: FIGS. 11-15

Species 3: FIG. 16

Species 4: FIG. 17

Species 5: FIGS. 18-19

Species 6: FIG. 20

Species 7: FIG. 21

Species 8: FIG. 22

Species 9: FIGS. 23-28

Species 10: FIGS. 29-31

Species 11: FIGS. 32-33

Species 12: FIGS. 34-35

Species 13: FIGS. 36-37

Species 14: FIGS. 38-40

Species 15: FIGS. 42-43

Species 16: FIG. 49(a)

Species 17: FIGS. 49(b)-49(i)

Species 18: FIG. 49(j)

Species 19: FIGS. 58(a)-60(c)

Species 20: FIGS. 64-65

Species 21: FIGS. 66-67

Species 22: FIG. 71

Applicant notes that the Election Requirement did not list FIGS. 41, 44-49, 49(k)-57(c), 61-63, 68-70, and 72-76. Applicant assumes the Examiner intended to include the unlisted figures as one or more species.

Applicant provisionally elects to prosecute the species of FIGS. 58(a)-60(c) without traverse. Applicant submits that claims 1-16, 18, and 20-37 cover the alleged Species 19. Each of these claims are generic to at least one additional species. Accordingly, Applicant requests that claims 1-16, 18, and 20-37 be examined, and that claims 17 and 19 be withdrawn from consideration.

Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this Second Supplemental Preliminary Amendment and Response to Election Requirement and charge any additional required fees to our Deposit Account No. 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "R.G. McAndrews", is written over a horizontal line. To the left of the signature, the word "By:" is printed in a smaller font.

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